

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 36 and 43-47 are pending. Claim 36 has been amended to specify that the coil forms on the rotating spindle:

*...whilst moving the spindle and the elongated medicament carrier
in a common lateral sense.*

No new matter has been added. Basis for this amendment is found in Figure 8c, where the arrows show the common lateral movement of the rotating spindle and medicament carrier.

Claims 1-35 and 37-42 are withdrawn. In view of the foregoing comments, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 36 and 43-47 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Harvey et al. (USP 7,231,920 referred to as Harvey). Applicants respectfully traverse each and every aspect of this rejection. As to the rejection of claims 36 and 43-47, Applicant notes that there is no teaching, suggestion or motivation in Harvey to make the claimed invention.

In the Office Action, the Office suggests that Harvey teaches the use of Applicants claimed invention in column 17, lines 1-22. In this specific passage, it is disclosed that the medicament dispenser can comprise a cassette into which "the medicament carrier (e.g. an elongate blister pack) is inserted" and that "this may be wound into the dispenser before the lid is attached to the cassette and the cassette sealed" (see lines 15-17). There is, however, no disclosure in this passage of Harvey that a coil of the unused medicament carrier is formed by its introduction into the cassette nor can this be inferred from any other passage in Harvey. Moreover, the Office incorrectly suggests that this passage discloses winding the carrier onto a spindle. No such express disclosure is made.

Harvey's steps in forming the medicament dispenser clearly are, in order (see column 17, lines 8-17):

- 1) The cassette holder is snap fitted to the body of the medicament dispenser with the cassette being formed separately.
- 2) Insert the medicament carrier (an elongated blister) into the still separate cassette.
- 3) Winding the medicament carrier into the medicament dispenser before sealing the cassette with a lid.

In the Applicant's view, the statement that the medicament carrier is "wound into the dispenser" would be interpreted by the person of ordinary skill as meaning that, after the carrier has been inserted into the cassette, the leading ends of the base and lid sheets of the carrier are attached to the respective wheels on which these sheets are to be wound up in subsequent use of the device. In any event, it is not a disclosure, nor a suggestion, that the medicament carrier is inserted into the cassette by a coil forming process per se, let alone one of the type to which the present claims concern, where it is required that the medicament carrier be moved in a lateral sense as the coil is forming on the rotating spindle. The claims are yet further distinguished by the requirement added herein of also moving the rotating spindle in the same lateral sense as the coil is forming.

Harvey also describes an alternative cassette loading method at column 17, lines 17-20, in which the cassette is formed completely except for a hole through which the medicament carrier is inserted into the cassette. This passage also does not provide a disclosure of forming a coil of the medicament carrier as the carrier is inserted into the cassette. The hole could be of sufficient size for a pre-coiled carrier to be inserted into the cassette. In any event, there is also no disclosure of moving either the rotating spindle or the carrier in a lateral sense as the coil is formed on the spindle, let alone both the spindle and carrier moving in a common lateral sense, as required by the instant claims.

As demonstrably shown, Harvey does not disclosure or suggest the claimed invention.

The points of the Office Action being addressed in full, a Notice of Allowability is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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